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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Pierre RIPOCHE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/519,847

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING
OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2001 please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification:

Page 6, please insert the following paragraph after paragraph 5:

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Figure 6 is another diagrammatic view of a plasma surfacing system in which the
movement of the heating and injection means is shown.

Page 6, paragraph 6 (after DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED
EMBODIMENT):

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Figures 1 and 6 show a plasma surfacing system including an enclosure 1 which has a
transparent window 2, a preform 3 which is seen end on (in Fig. 1) and onto which are directed a